

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 5, 7 and 12 have been amended, and claims 17-24 have been added. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry of the foregoing amendments and new claims are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-24 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is requested.

PATENTABILITY OF NEW CLAIMS:

Claim 17 is deemed patentable due at least to reasons similar to the patentability of claims 1-16. Claim 18-24 are deemed patentable due at least to their depending from claim 17.

CONCLUSION:

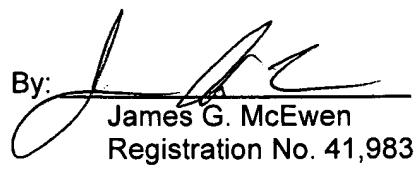
In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such issues.

If there are any additional fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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